

MARCH OF DIMES. (269-343-5586) jgreichunos@marchofdimes.com
NEEDED: Color printer, two 6' folding tables, folding chairs, pop-up shade/tent structure, copy paper.

LORY'S PLACE. (269-983-2707) lbartoszek@hospiceathome.org
NEEDED: Paper products (paper plates, plastic silverware, cups, and napkins), bottled water (any size), taxi cab vouchers, gas cards.
BIG WISH: Full-sized office copy machine.

SAFE SHELTER. (269-925-9500) safeshelter@qtm.net
NEEDED: Copy paper (white and assorted colors), gift certificates (phone, gas, food cards), ink cartridges (contact for kinds needed), children's playroom paint (light color and trim), 2 computer workstations, tokens (red and yellow).
BIG WISH: Heavy-duty security entrance door.

SALVATION ARMY CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTER. (269-927-8239)
Kris_massie@usc.salvationarmy.org
NEEDED: Diaper wipes, disposable latex gloves, tissues (Kleenex), underwear (boys and girls sizes 2T to 6/8), pull-ups, diapers.
BIG WISH: Playground equipment for infants and toddlers, Little Tike-style equipment.

SOUP KITCHEN. (269-925-8204) Valerie@qtm.net
NEEDED: Pasta, #10 cans of vegetables and tomato sauce, plastic forks and spoons (bulk), Styrofoam cups. **BIG WISH:** #10 Can Racks.

MICHIGAN MARITIME MUSEUM. (269-637-8078)
becky@michiganmaritimemuseum.org
NEEDED: Office chairs, stacking chairs, conference room chairs, laminator, computer, snow blower.

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY. (269-925-9077)
contact@smcaa.com
NEEDED: Personal hygiene products, bath and dish towels, kitchen counter top for shelter with installation, linens and blankets for shelter.
BIG WISH: Brand-new washer and dryer for shelter.

READINESS CENTER. 347 Catalpa, Benton Harbor, MI 49022
NEEDED: Construction paper, children's books for pre-school through 5th grade, paper items (small cups, plates, and napkins), magic markers, colored pencils, Christmas presents for pre-schoolers. **BIG WISH:** Computer hardware/software.

INSPIRATION HOUSE. (269-934-8682) inspirationhouse@qtm.net
NEEDED: VCR/DVD player, food and gas gift cards, printer paper, ink cartridges, copier cleaning.

BERRIEN COUNTY EVEN START FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM.
(269-471-7725, Ext. 354) cvescola@remc11.k12.mi.us
NEEDED: Infant/toddler books (board/vinyl or cloth), infant/toddler toys (new or nearly new). **BIG WISH:** Triple stroller.

CARING NETWORK. (269-925-1234) richardbousch@catholicfamilyservices.org
NEEDED: Baby clothing (all sizes), disposable diapers, Dial-a-Ride tokens to transport teen parents, maternity clothing for teen moms, interactive toys for children ages 0-3, fax machine. **BIG WISH:** Used van to transport clients.



CAPITOL NEWS

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE 21ST MICHIGAN SENATE DISTRICT

DECEMBER 2005

SENATE PASSES "MI-HOME" LEGISLATION TO PROTECT PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS. The rights of Michigan's private property owners will be defined thanks to a constitutional amendment and bill approved by the Michigan Senate. Following a U.S. Supreme Court decision in the Kelo v. City of New London case, which allows the seizure of private property for private economic development projects, a constitutional amendment was drafted, dubbed "MI-Home," to help protect the rights of Michigan's private property owners. Senate Joint Resolution E is designed to strengthen Michigan's Constitution by defining public use. The MI-Home legislation makes it very clear that private property cannot be taken for private purposes. It establishes the burden of proof is not on private residents to prove their property shouldn't be taken—it is on the government to prove it has a valid claim for eminent domain. Senate Bill 693 will strengthen Michigan's existing eminent domain statute and clarifies that private business economic development could not fall under this "public use" definition. The proposals now head to the House of Representatives for consideration. If approved, SJR E is slated to be on the ballot for the 2006 election, while SB 693 would then head to the Governor's desk.



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2006 WISH LIST. Here are some of the agencies with parts of their wish lists, as contained in the 2006 Wish Book put out by the Volunteer Center of Southwest Michigan. To get a copy of the book, call 269-683-5464.

YOUTH CLUB OF CASS COUNTY. (269-445-1601) yc3@qtm.net
NEEDED: CD player for presentations, training and educational movies, snare drums for "drill team," games and balls for indoor/outdoor recreation, board games for ages 6-18.
BIG WISH: Large-screen TV for presentations, training and educational movies.

TRI-COUNTY HEAD START. (269-657-2581) davisch@tricityhs.org
NEEDED: Children's books, classroom supplies (glue, paint, brushes, etc.), Dial-A-Ride passes for parents to use for children medical/dental needs, copy paper (white and colored), printer cartridges (HP 56/57, HP 27/28, HP 78), snowplow-ing services for classroom locations.
BIG WISH: 10 digital cameras for family service associates to take on home visits.

VAN BUREN UNITED WAY. (269-657-2410) vbcuw@vbisd.org
NEEDED: Microwave, helium tank, paper shredder, copy paper, roadside signage, DVD player. BIG WISH: A new Web page.

BERRIEN COUNTY COURT FOSTER CARE. (269-983-7111, Ext. 8355) mbrock@berriencounty.org
NEEDED: Backpacks, school supplies (notebooks, binders, pens, pencils, etc.), hygiene products (powder, brushes, combs, lotions, shampoos/conditioners, deo-dorant, toothbrushes and paste, etc.), blankets and pillows, used band instruments.
BIG WISH: Provide a retreat for families.

BIG BROTHERS / BIG SISTERS OF BERRIEN AND CASS, INC.
(269-684-1100) mahlonwise@yahoo.com
NEEDED: New computer, toner for printer, ink cartridges for existing computer printers, 10 matching armless chairs for board table, copy paper.
BIG WISH: A marketing firm to adopt our agency and help with promotion of agency and programs that we have to offer.

DOMESTIC ASSAULT SHELTER COALITION. (269-279-5122) Cathy_casc@verizon.net
NEEDED: Cleaning and laundry products, plastic bags (trash and storage), gas cards, bulk meat, phone cards. BIG WISH: Paper shredder.

EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES. (269-925-1131) ababcock@emergencyshester.net
NEEDED: Playground equipment, van or car, tokens, floodlights for back, lockers, stairs to basement tiled.

AMERICAN RED CROSS, BERRIEN COUNTY CHAPTER. (269-927-2288) redcross@berrienredcross.org
NEEDED: Carpet for training room, toaster oven, printers, 30-cup coffee pot, 6-8 chairs for lobby. BIG WISH: New van.

VAN BUREN UNITED CIVIC ORGANIZATION. (269-764-8854) vbucou@i2k.com
NEEDED: Stand-up freezer, computer services, computer printer.

LIGHTHOUSE HOSPICE: cohenazo@charter.net
NEEDED: New metal cookie tins, flexible magnet strips, clear contact paper, nail polish, church hymnals. BIG WISH: Spinoza talking bears.

HOSPICE CARE OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN / CASS, VAN BUREN OFFICE.
(269-423-6015) romahill@yahoo.com
NEEDED: Fax machine, dry erase board. BIG WISH: Color laser printer.

HUMANE SOCIETY OF SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN. (269-927-3303) hssmshelter@yahoo.com
NEEDED: Kitten and puppy food (dry/canned), bleach and cleaning supplies, copy paper, shelving, wet/dry shop vacuum (25-gallon), cash register.
BIG WISH: Office equipment.

JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF MICHIANA. (269-983-7579) info@michianaja.org
NEEDED: Stationery and return envelopes, heavy-duty paper cutter, items for special event door prizes, printing of flyers and special event programs.
BIG WISH: Color printer.

HELPING HANDS OF CASS COUNTY. (269-445-8104) mdtompi@msn.com
NEEDED: Large brown grocery bags, shucks for beds, adult pull-up diapers (all sizes), cereal, juice, baby food/formula/diapers.

FRESH START / MULTICULTURAL INVOLVEMENT COUNCIL.
(269-684-1586) Charlie.m@sbcglobal.net
NEEDED: Industrial vacuum cleaner, laser color printer for Dell computers, edu-cational computer software.
BIG WISH: 12 hardback science books for grades 8-12.

GATEWAY, INC. (269-471-2897) rcurneal@gatewayvro.com
NEEDED: Art supplies (papers, glue, chalk, markers, etc.), carpeting (throughout Berrien Springs locations), digital parts weight scale, computer program for truck routing, walk-behind forklift, 36" TV with DVD hook-up (2 inputs).
BIG WISH: Lockers for consumers' personal belongings.

BLOSSOMLAND LEARNING CENTER. (269-473-2600) pharper@remc11.k12.mi.us
NEEDED: Puzzles (cardboard and wooden), toys (ages 3-10), chairs (large and small bean bags) ink jet cartridges (HP 45/29/56), batteries (all sizes), steno pads.

NORTHSIDE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER. kemmons@remc11.k12.mi.us
NEEDED: Second computers for children in the classrooms.
BIG WISH: Bike trail for playground (with bikes).

TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.
hpmranka@comcast.net
NEEDED: Household supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies), sheets, blankets, towels, pillows, lawn chairs. BIG WISH: Couches.

HARBOR COUNTRY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY & THRIFT SHOP.
(269-756-7472)
NEEDED: Food to re-supply pantry, goodwill type drop boxes in Southwest Berrien County, paper grocery bags (new or used), sheets of stick-on pricing labels.